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CRITTENDEN DEFEATED NORMALS IN A THRILLING ELEVEN INNING BALL GAME BY A 1 TO 0 SCORE

ALLOWED JUST TWO HITS IN A
BRILLIANT PITCHING DUEL
WITH BROOKS.

Alma Nine Gave Him Fine Support

It is doubtful if the records of past years will show a greater pitchers battle in Alma than the one that Brooks of Mt. Pleasant Normal and Crittenden of Alma College indulged in, Memorial Day when their two hurlers struggled through eleven innings of fine baseball before the Alma collegians finally managed to take advantage of a misplay and shove a counter over the plate, the propelling force needed for the needed chalk mark coming from the bat of Hickerson, Alma's star second sacker.

Steadily inning after inning the two hurlers toiled as if their lives depended upon the result, so steadily that misplays in the early innings did not give either team the least advantage, and they might have worked on until darkness settled over the scene of action had it not been for the failure of Aldred, Normal catcher, to nail a third strike on Beekton in the eleventh inning. This proved to be the break that won the fray, as after Ryan breezed the air before the offerings of Brooks, Hickerson stepped to the plate and drove out a sizzling single, which cashed Beekton, who had stolen the second sack.

The work of Crittenden, the Alma moundsman, was the most remarkable that he has ever shown to local fans. He did not depend upon striking out men, and was not forced to do so. Only two errors were made by the Alma team, one by Kirker in the ninth with two down, and one by Crittenden himself in the eleventh, with two away, and neither did the slightest damage. The entire cast gave him wonderful support. He allowed the visitors only two singles, one single by Brooks, the Normal heavier, and a meekly scratch single by Spotts in the sixth, the last time that the Teachers connected safely. His pitching was such that the Normals were continually forced to pop 'em up, the outfield having just four putouts the entire route.

The work of Brooks cannot be discounted, either, and his defeat is not chargeable to his work in the least. He allowed only three singles, widely scattered, one coming in the fourth, one in the seventh and one from Hickerson's bat in the eleventh that cashed the run that took the thrilling contest. He struckout sixteen men during the eleven innings, and nine of these Alma batters went down before three pitched balls.

The game in detail follows:
MacDonald grounded to third and was out at first. McCracken rolled one to short and was out. Francis fouled to Kirker. For Alma Ryan struckout. Hickerson and Wright grounded to first in order.

In the second Brooks grounded to Kirker at third. Aldred and MacDonald died on rollers to Hickerson, both being out at first. Shaver for Alma struckout. Brooks picked up Johnson's roller and touched him out. Crittenden grounded to Brooks and was out at first.

MacDonald grounded out to Kirker to start the fourth. McCracken grounded to Hickerson at second. Francis struckout. Ryan struckout starting Alma's fourth. Hickerson grounded out. Wright connected for the first hit of the game, a clean single to left center. Shaver fouled out to Aldred.

Brooks opened Mt. Pleasant's fifth with a single to left. Aldred sacrificed him to second. MacDonald grounded out to Beekton to Wright. Brooks going to third. Brookins flied out to Kirker. For Alma Johnson was safe on Brooks' peg to first which pulled Francis from the sack. McCracken booted Crittenden's roller to second and Johnson went on third, sliding into the sack under the peg. Crittenden went to second on the first pitch. Brooks displayed his finest work of the day at this point, striking out Williams, Kirker and Beekton in order, pulling out of a bad hole.

Garrison grounded to Crittenden to start the sixth and was out at first. Spotts rolled one to Kirker, who nearly lost the ball and was late by inches in making the play at first, giving Spotts a scratch single. It was Mt. Pleasant's last hit. MacDonald sacrificed Spotts to second. He stole third, but was stranded when McCracken grounded out Hickerson to Wright. Alma shoved a man to second in her half Ryan struckout. Hickerson took four wide ones and went to first. He took second on Brooks' error and died at that station. Wright struck out and Shaver flied to short.

Three men faced Crittenden in the Mt. Pleasant seventh. Francis struckout. Brooks grounded to Hickerson.

Aldred flied to Kirker. For Alma Johnson struckout. Crittenden singled to left. Williams lined to Brooks, who doubled Crittenden at first.

In the eighth McDonald flied to Beekton. Brookins grounded to Hickerson. Garrison struckout. Kirker, for Alma, struckout. Beekton grounded to Brooks and was out at first. Ryan struckout.

Spotts flied to Hickerson to start the ninth. MacDonald grounded to Kirker and was out at first. McCracken was safe at first on Kirker's error. Francis grounded to Kirker and was out at first. For Alma Hickerson grounded to McCracken at second. Wright and Shaver struckout in order.

In the tenth Brooks was hit by a pitched ball and went to first, where he died. Aldred flied to left. MacDonald flied to center. Brookins ended it with a fly to Williams. Alma died in order. Johnson grounded to second. Crittenden flied out to McCracken at second. Carty, batting for Williams, grounded to short and was out at first.

Carty went to center field in the eleventh and Johnson switched to left. Garrison flied to Hickerson at second. Spotts flied to Kirker at third. MacDonald was safe at first on Crittenden's error but immediately died trying to steal second, when Ryan shot a perfect peg to Hickerson on the first pitched ball. For Alma Wagner batted for Kirker. He grounded to Brooks. Beekton swung at three wide ones and was safe at first when the third pitch went through Aldred. He stole second on the first pitch. Ryan struckout. Hickerson with two strikes on him sent a sizzling single to center, which scored Beekton with the winning run.

Alma	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Ryan	5	0	0	4	2	0
Hickerson, 2nd	4	0	1	3	7	0
Wright, 1st	4	0	1	18	0	0
Shaver, rf	4	0	0	1	0	0
Johnson m & f	4	0	0	1	0	0
Crittenden p	4	0	1	0	2	1
Williams, lf	3	0	0	2	0	0
Kirker, 3rd	3	0	0	3	5	1
Beekton ss	4	1	0	1	2	0
Carty m	1	0	0	0	0	0
Wagner	1	0	0	0	0	0

Mt. Pleasant	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
MacDonald, 3rd	4	0	0	0	1	0
McCracken, 2nd	4	0	0	1	2	1
Francis, 1st	4	0	0	11	0	0
Brooks, p	3	0	1	2	4	1
Aldred, c	3	0	0	17	0	1
McDonald, m	4	0	0	0	0	0
Brookins, ss	4	0	0	1	2	1
Garrison lf	4	0	0	0	0	0
Spotts, rf	4	0	1	0	0	0

33 0 2 32 9 4
Two down when winning run scored.

X Wagner batted for Kirker in eleventh.
Innings 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11—R
Mt. P. 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—0
Alma 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1—1
Sacrifice hits—McDonald, Aldred.
Stolen bases—Beekton, Spotts. Bases on balls—off Brooks 1, off Crittenden 0.
Struckout—by Brooks 16, by Crittenden 4. Left on bases—Alma 5, Mt. Pleasant 4. Double play—Brooks to Francis. Hit by pitcher—by Crittenden 1 (Brooks). First base on errors—Alma 3, Mt. Pleasant 2.

SEVEN GO TO MEET
Seven members of the Alma High School track team will go to the Michigan Interscholastic track and field meet to be held Friday and Saturday at East Lansing. Most of the men to go are weight men, although there are pole vaulters and distance men included in the group, and the expectation is that the men will be able to pick up a few points for the Orange and Black. The men who will appear at the interscholastic meet are Elias, Nelson, Warner, Veeder, Anderson, Wyant and Baker.

George Rynn, better known to Alma sport fans as "Buddy" has been doing some fine officiating in Michigan Interscholastic games for the college this year and has earned a reputation as the best arbitrator in the entire association. Visiting coaches have been almost unanimous in speaking of the work of Ryan as the best that they have seen this year. "Buddy's" reputation as an official is spreading as he is said to be under consideration right now by the Central league as an official.

"Bob" Sherlow, former Republic hurler, who last fall was sent to the International league by the Flint M-O league team, was turned back to Flint by Toronto this spring when the big boy could not get into shape. Back at Flint Sherlow also had trouble in getting in shape and finally the Flint club gave him his release. President Clements of the Saginaw M-O league team, who knows of Sherlow's pitching ability from the fact that "Bob" defeated the Aces a few times while with the Republics, immediately signed the Gratiot boy. Sherlow reported to Saginaw on Saturday.

ALMA BALL TEAM DRUBS KALAMAZOO

RALLY IN "LUCKY SEVENTH"
CINCHES GAME FOR MAROON
AND CREAM.

The Alma College baseball team had little trouble in disposing of Kalamazoo College Friday afternoon in a Michigan Intercollegiate contest, stepping out for 4 runs in the seventh inning, which smashed a tie count that Kazoo had just shoved across and put the game on ice for the Maroon and Cream.

Hickerson and Catherman did the mound work for the Presbyterian clan, and it must be acknowledged that the "rookie" hurlers put over the best brand of ball that they have shown this year, although they were inclined to be a trifle wild at times. Wildness got Hickerson into a bad spot in the second and this same cause with two errors conspired to get Catherman into a bad hole in the seventh when the Celery Eaters were set back with bases full, after one man had counted.

Kalamazoo broke into the scoring column first. In the second inning Higa walked. Morley rolled one to Hickerson, and was safe when the throw to first pulled Wright from the sack. The runners advanced on Betzner's infield out, and scored on Walkotten's drive through short.

Kazoo added her other tally in the seventh. With two down Walkotten walked. He stole second and went to third on Ryan's error, cashing on Castee's single. Spurgeon was safe on Beekton's error and Detschulat walked, filling the bags. Ryan nailed Harder's foul for the third out and the danger was over.

Alma tied up Kalamazoo's count in her half of the second. Shaver was safe on Hinga's error. Johnson leaned on one for two sacks. Carty chased one down the left field line, Shaver and Johnson scoring. Three then died in order.

In the sixth Alma jumped into the lead by a single run, which Young's men tied up immediately afterwards. Hickerson walked. He took second on Wright's sacrifice, and counted on Shaver's single to center.

In the big seventh Alma chased four runs over the plate and cinched the fray. Catherman walked. Kirker grounded out to first. Beekton was safe on Morley's error. Ryan singled to left and Catherman scored, Beekton taking third. Hickerson was safe on Hinga's error and Beekton added a tally. Ryan was nailed off third. Hickerson stole second and scored on Wright's hit to left. Graham threw the ball away attempting to nail Wright stealing and he was able to score. Shaver flied out.

Alma	020	001	40x-7	6	4
Kalamazoo	020	000	100-3	4	5

Alma College track team failed to make a very strong showing at the M. A. C. Intercollegiate track meet Saturday, getting only 8 points. Vreeland was second in the two mile. Hickerson finished next to Ernest, M. A. C.'s crack hurdle man in the 220 low's and topped a fourth in the broad jump. The Alma relay team finished fourth in the mile relay.

Ithaca Winner in the County Meet

Ithaca High won the annual Gratiot County Field and Track Meet held at Ithaca Friday with 49 points, nosing out the Alma High cinderpath team by three and ½ points, the locals having 45½ at the finish. Breckenridge was third with 29½ points.

Because of the condition of the track at the fair grounds where the meet was held the time of the various events was slow, there not being an event in which creditable time was shown as a result.

The failure of Alma to take the meet might be assigned to several causes, one of which might be that a number of the track men are also on the baseball team and have not been able to get the workouts in track that they should have had. The failure of Elias to come through in the mile might possibly be given as a reason for the loss of the meet, as Alma would have won by half a point had he taken this event as had been expected. The same thing might apply in several other events, however, in which it had been expected the Alma men would win. Alma's chief failure at the meet, however, was the failure of her men to rank high in the dash events, the meet winners taking these track events, while Alma proved her worth in the field events.

The summary of the class A events at the meet follows:

100 yard dash: Kensel, Ithaca, first; Spaulding, Breckenridge, second; Castinan, Breckenridge, third; Wright, Alma fourth.

1 mile—Lake, Ithaca, first; Elias, second; Boyd, Ithaca, third; Baker, Alma, fourth.

440 yard dash: Roe Lake, Ithaca, first; Anderson, Alma, second; Shirley, Ithaca, third; Veeder, Alma, fourth.

220 yard dash: Kensel, Ithaca, first; Spaulding, Breckenridge, second; Anderson, Alma, third; Eastman, Breckenridge, fourth.

220 low hurdles: Kensel, Ithaca, first; Elias, Alma, second; Eastman, Breckenridge, third; Lake, Ithaca, fourth.

Half Mile—Boyd, Ithaca, first; Lake, Ithaca, second; Shirley, Ithaca, third; Veeder, Alma, fourth.
Pole Vault: Wyant, Alma, first; Elias, Alma, Barton, Breckenridge, third; Root, Ithaca, fourth.
Discus: Warner, Alma, first; Elias, Alma, second; Anderson, Alma, third; Spaulding, Breckenridge, fourth.

High Jump: Elias, Alma, first; Coleman, Breckenridge, second; Wyant, Alma and Scroggins, Breckenridge, tied for third and fourth.
Broad Jump: Eastman, Breckenridge, first; Zimmerman, Ithaca, Anderson, Alma third; Scroggins, Breckenridge, fourth.
Relay—Ithaca, first.

Alma Wins 26 to 6 From St. Louis Nine

The Alma High School baseball team with Dick in the box had no trouble in disposing of St. Louis High in a Central Michigan high school league game last Thursday afternoon on the St. Louis field, the Alma clan winning hands down 26 to 6.

The little fifteen year old Alma High hurler did not get properly warmed up before he went into the fray and in the first inning the St. Louis team nicked him for four runs. Dick settled down immediately he got warmed up and set the St. Louis team down during the balance of the game. After the fifth inning the St. Louis team could not get around the path, every attempt being blocked by the locals, who were playing good ball behind the Freshman hurler.

St. Louis used every man on her pitching staff in the attempt to stop the fast going Alma team and the more hurlers Coach Grant paraded to the box, the worse became the slaughter. The only question in regard to the fray after the locals pulled down the four runs that St. Louis took in the first inning was how high the Alma total would run.

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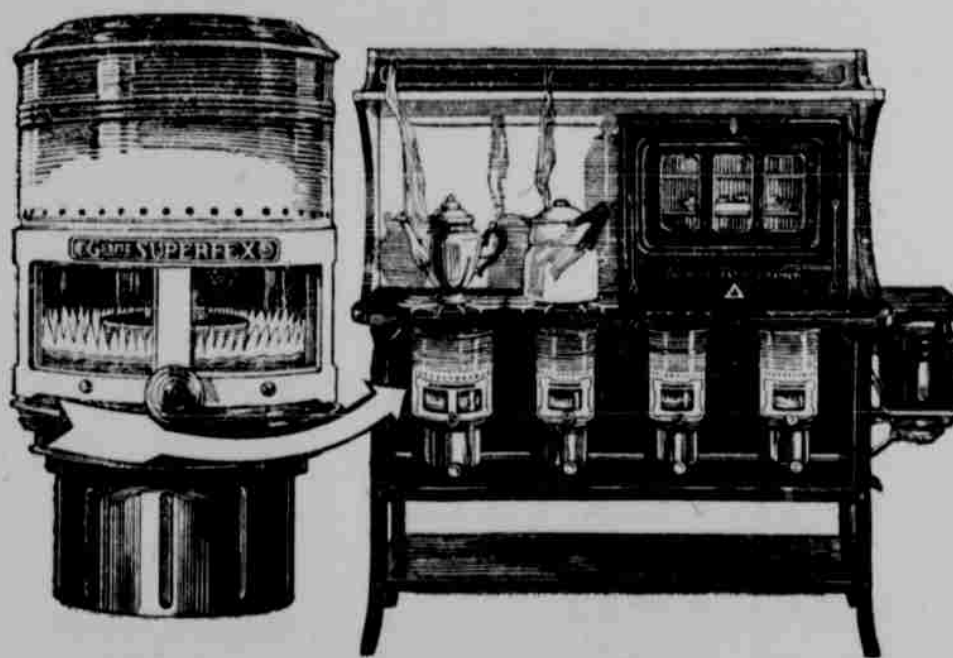
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